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S-142
Frenchtown
Near Upper Fairmount
Private Residences

C. 1870-1930

Frenchtown is a small watermen's village located on a spit of land stretching into Tangier Sound. A string of a dozen 1860-1930 houses along with a few watermen's sheds comprise the structures found on the island. At the south end of town is a small 19th-century cemetery with tombstones belonging to the French family. In 1877 the houses were accompanied by a school and a Methodist Church, both of which stood on the adjacent stretch of ground along ^{the} Jericho ~~marshes~~.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frenchtown

and/or common Frenchtown Survey District

2. Location

street & number End of Frenchtown Road ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount ☒ vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne, state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-142

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Frenchtown is a small watermen's community at the end of the Frenchtown Road on what is known as Mine Island. Goose Creek on the north and Mine Creek on the south join on the east side of the isle to form this detached portion of Somerset County. The small group of late 19th and early 20th-century houses stands on the northeast side of the only road which runs the full length of the island, terminating at Prickly Point. House types vary slightly from two-story two or three-bay single pile structures with or without center cross gables. Generally supported by brick pier foundations, these houses are sheathed with various sidings and covered by steeply pitched roofs. In several cases, a single story kitchen wing extends to the rear.

The southwest side of the road is filled with various crab shacks; each with their own dock access and essential crabbing equipment. At the south end of town is a small 19th-century graveyard with tombstones for the French family.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

1877 - Three houses on island

1) Sam W. Beauchamp - 15 acres - Sailor Somerset Co. 1839

2) Arnold Muir - 8 acres, farmer - Somerset Co. 1804

3) Hance L. Parks - 2 acres - Sailor - Somerset Co. 1848.

Standing nearby on Mainland

School No. 1
Methodist Church
Three houses

Frenchtown is a small watermen's village on a point of land known as Mine Island. A string of a half-dozen c. 1860-1900 houses along with a few watermen's sheds comprise the structures found on the island. Located at the south end of town is a small 19th-century cemetery with tombstones belonging to the French family. In 1877, the houses were accompanied by a school and a Methodist Church, both of which stood on the adjacent stretch of high ground along the Jericho Marshes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name MarionQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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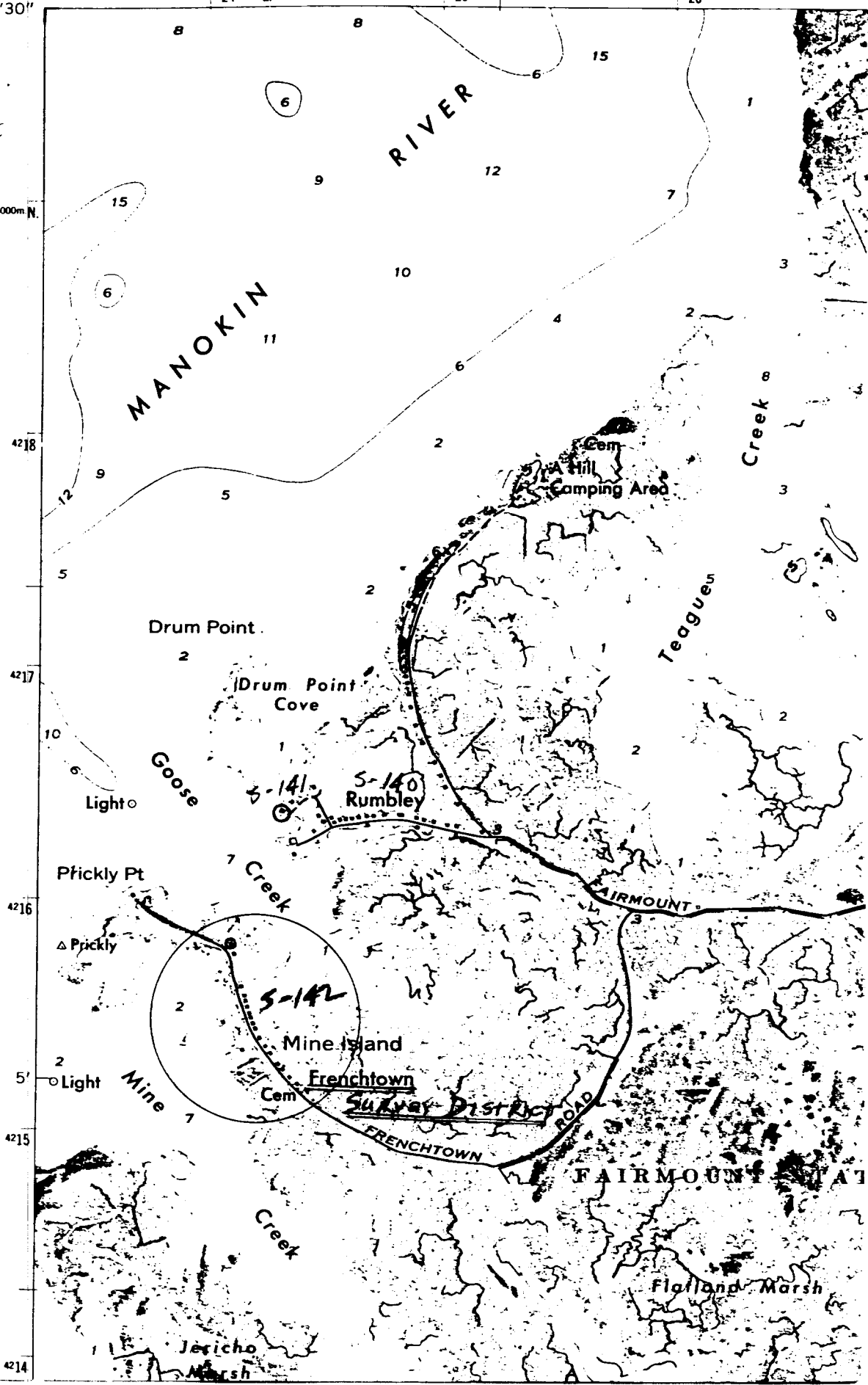
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Frenchtown Survey District
Frenchtown, Somerset County
House

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House -

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Craft House - North Elevation
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View of Frenchtown

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From Rumbley

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